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1. 129 FLEW TODAY AND LOST ITS LOWER LEFT FILLET STARTING AT THE REAR OF THE MAIN GEAR WELL. THE LOSS WAS COMPLETE TO INCLUDE PORTIONS OF STRUCTURE ALONG THE FUSELAGE AND AT THE TAIL CONE. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER ENTERING CLIMB AT APPROXIMATELY 400 KEAS, THE PILOT EXPERIENCING A PRONOUNCED YAW. HE IMMEDIATELY ABORTED THE MISSION AND RETURNED DUMPING FUEL ENROUTE.

2. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION HAS NOT PINPOINTED A START FAILURE POINT. WHEN THE FILLET CAME OFF IT APPARENTLY FOLDED UNDER THE REAR PORTION OF THE FUSELAGE AND DID MINOR SKIN PUNCTURE DAMAGE TO THE RIGHT SIDE. IN ADDITION NUMEROUS WIRES WITHIN THE MAIN WIRE BUNDLE WERE EITHER CUT, FRAYED OR SCRAPPED. SOME SMALL RIVETS WERE PULLED FROM NBR 6 FUEL TANK ALLOWING FUEL TO SEEP OUT.

3. WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF ACCESSING THE DAMAGE, CHECKING

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DOWNGRADING  
AND DECLASSIFICATION

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SPARE PANEL AND FILLET AVAILABILITY AND ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY THOSE SYSTEMS AFFECTED BY THE DAMAGED WIRING. WE ARE ALSO INSPECTING THE OTHER TWO AIRCRAFT IN THIS SAME AREA OF FAILURE FOR CLUES AS TO POSSIBLE CAUSE.

4. IT IS TOO EARLY TO GIVE AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF REPAIR TIME. I HOPE TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION LATE TONIGHT OR TOMORROW. DETAILED DAMAGE REPORT TO FOLLOW. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS WE PROGRESS.

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